

# IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DISBURSING ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE PROFESSIONALISM CENTER

WHEREAS, By Administrative Order, dated December 16, 2011, the Court of Appeals authorized the disbursement of \$300,000, from the surplus in the Attorney Grievance Disciplinary Fund, to the Professionalism Commission to fund the Judiciary's New Bar Admittees' Professionalism and Mentoring Programs; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Appeals, thereafter, determined that it was appropriate to institutionalize the progress made by the Professionalism Commission, and to expand its activities; and

WHEREAS, By Order, dated September 12, 2012, the Court of Appeals approved the replacement of the Professionalism Commission with a new court-related agency, the Maryland Professionalism Center, to serve as the hub for legal professionalism efforts in Maryland, to develop initiatives to ensure that legal professionals treat one another with civility, collegiality and respect, and to encourage lawyers and judges to support and enhance the public's trust in the legal community; and

WHEREAS, The Professionalism Commission did not receive the \$72,000 generated by the Fall FY 2013 New Bar Admittees' Professionalism Course, to which the Professionalism Center otherwise would have been entitled, had the Center been fully established; and

WHEREAS, That sum should be disbursed to the Professionalism Center, now that it is operational, to fund its activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, and as part of its inherent power under the Constitution to regulate the practice of law, it is this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013,

ORDERED, By the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that \$72,000 from the Attorney Grievance Disciplinary Fund shall be disbursed to the Professionalism Center.

/s/ Robert M. Bell

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/s/ Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.

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/s/ Lynne A. Battaglia

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/s/ Clayton Greene, Jr.

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/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera

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Robert N. McDonald

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\* Judges Adkins and McDonald declined to sign this Order.

/s/ Bessie M. Decker

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Clerk

Court of Appeals of Maryland